

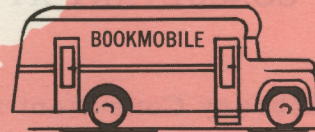
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NEW BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Library boards should investigate and consider taking advantage of a bill signed into law on April 13, 1968 (ratification number 1118) which established a pre-retirement death benefit program for members of the South Carolina Retirement System. The act provides that upon the death in service, of a covered employee who had completed at least one full year of membership in the System, the beneficiary or the estate of that employee will receive a full year's salary. This payment will be in addition to any other payment to be made by the Retirement System. The cost of the program will be paid by an increase in the contributions to be made by the employers. The initial rate will be one-half of one per cent of the total payroll. This additional cost to the employer becomes effective one year following the employer's date of participation.

Unlike state agencies, public library systems will not be covered by this extension of the Retirement Program automatically. The program will be available to libraries only upon written application. For those libraries which pay retirement contributions directly to the South Carolina Retirement System, applications can be made directly to the System. For those libraries which pay their contributions through the county unit, the library board should inform county officials of the library's desire to participate in the program and encourage them to take the necessary steps to make this possible. For applications received by the System prior to October 1, 1968, the effective date of the coverage will be July 1, 1968. Applications shall be an irrevocable commitment to participate under the program.

The State Library Board believes that this Act will be of help to libraries in recruiting experienced personnel and in retaining the trained staff members already employed.

CONSULTANT ATTENDS INSTITUTE

Leon Bernstein, Library Consultant for the South Carolina State Library Board attended the Institutional Library Service Institute, April 15-26. The Institute, held at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, was an educational program for a group of thirty library administrators from various states, and one of many institutes held this spring and summer to help states train librarians in library service for institutions.

Mr. Bernstein, consultant for Special Programs for the Board, is in charge of the planning and development of library service to residents and staff of correctional mental health, aged, mental retardation and other institutions in South Carolina. This Federally supported program for special libraries is relatively new to this state.

The objective of the Institute was to offer instruction for planning and administering special library service including standards, aims, selection and training of personnel, selection of books and materials and budgeting.

CLARENDON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTED

The appointment of library board members for Clarendon County has been announced by Senator Thomasine Mason. Members of the board include Mrs. Charlie Smith of Turbeville, Mrs. Walter Dow of Alcolu, Mrs. E. A. Failmezger and Miss Eleanor Carson of Summerton, and Mrs. Arthur Hinson, Mrs. James Hugh McFadden, and Mr. Kendrick Johnson of Manning. The newly appointed board held its first meeting on April 12th. Estellene Walker and Betty Callaham represented the State Library Board at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to explore ways by which public library service could best be developed in Clarendon County. The Clarendon County library board requested the State Library Board to investigate the possibility of contracting for bookmobile service from the Sumter County Library under the Small Libraries Project.

DATES TO REMEMBER

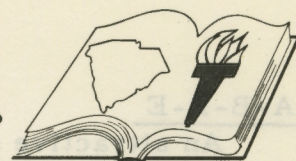
June 23-29 ALA Conference, Kansas City, Missouri

October 30 - November 3 SELA, Bal Harbor, Florida

November 17-23 National Children's Book Week

Continuing in the series "Our Library Leadership", this month's story features the Laurens County Library.

Our Library Leadership...



Mrs. Harriette H. Huff



Mrs. J. B. Hart

The Laurens County Library, organized in 1930, was first located in one small room of the Laurens City Hall. The building in which the library is presently located was constructed in 1939 and in 1963 was enlarged and renovated to comply with the library's growing needs. The library's first bookmobile was put into use in 1941. For some years the library has been developing a section exclusively on South Carolina and now has a large collection of biographies, histories, genealogies and other information concerning the state.

The Laurens County Library has a branch in Clinton -- the Children's and Young People's Library. It is located in the Presbyterian College and Community Library building.

Mrs. Harriette H. Huff, a native of Laurens, has served as Director of Laurens County Library since 1938. Mrs. Huff attended Converse College, the University of South Carolina, and the University of Virginia. She also was graduated from the Library School at William and Mary College. Mrs. Huff has been active as librarian at the Laurens County Library. She has a special interest in the development of the South Carolina collection and has been an active member of the Wednesday Study Club. Mrs. Huff is also chairman of the library's program committee.

Mrs. J. B. Hart, chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Laurens County Library since 1957, is a graduate of Winthrop College and a former school teacher. A native of Belton, South Carolina, she has lived in Clinton and Joanna since 1930. Mrs. Hart plays an active part in community and civic affairs, spending much of her free time working with the Parent Teachers Association and the Episcopal Church. She also does volunteer work at Whitten Village in Clinton.

ANNUAL REPORTS

A-B-B-E

An attractive and informative brochure presents the Annual Report 1966-1967 of the Aiken - Barnwell-Bamberg-Edgefield Regional Library. The report includes statistics, a summary of programs and activities and a directory of the staff and board members.

Florence

A folder, Three Years of Progress 1964-1967, gives a graphic account of the growth of the Florence County Library and cites the future needs of the system.

LEGISLATIVE MANUALS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Senator T. Ed. Garrison, Anderson County, moved to include in the Senate version of the Appropriation Bill a provision through which South Carolina public libraries would be placed on the mailing list to resume copies of the S. C. Legislative Manual. The amendment was adopted by the Senate.

ALTA AT KANSAS CITY

The American Library Trustee Association will hold its meetings as part of the ALA conference in Kansas City June 23-29 rather than as a pre-conference meeting.

Board meetings, awarding of the Annual Trustee Citation, a business session, ALTA recognition luncheon are scheduled.

The Phillips Hotel will be headquarters for ALTA members who must indicate they are trustees when making reservations. Use the card bound into the January ALA Bulletin, specify hotel and print TRUSTEE on the reservation.

Deadline for these special arrangements is May 15.

AUTOGRAPH PARTY AT COOPER BRANCH

As part of its observance of National Library Week the John Hughes Cooper Branch of the Richland County Library honored two South Carolina authors at an autograph party on April 25. Patricia Robinson and Nancy Stevenson, of Charleston are the joint authors of "Return to Octavia", a low-country mystery novel.

(Macober, Daria, pseud. Return to Octavia. New American Library \$4.95)

COMPLETED AND PROPOSED BUILDING PROJECTS

Sumter

The recently completed building of the Sumter County Library will be dedicated May 7th.

Richland

James H. Ellison, Chairman of the Board of the Richland County Public Library, presided at the dedicatory exercise for the library's newest branch, St. Andrews, on April 24th.

Mr. Ellison recognized the following who contributed to the construction of the building: officers of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, which donated the site for the building; the State Library Board which approved a \$50,000 LSCA Construction grant and representative of the St. Andrews Woman's Club which organized the first community library and supported the program to obtain the present facility.

Pickens

The Friends of the Pickens Library Branch of the Pickens County Library have received a contribution of \$10,000 from Paul Vernon Cox, a Pickens native now living in Maryland. Mr. Cox made the contribution to enable the Friends to purchase the Cox family property for the site of a new building.

Mrs. A. J. Reinovsky, President, reports that the Friends will launch a campaign to raise funds for the building.

Horry

The Chapin Memorial Library, Myrtle Beach, (an affiliate of the Horry County Library) will be renovated and enlarged this summer. Plans call for the expenditure of \$25,000 of which \$22,500 has been obtained: \$10,000 from the county supply bill; \$5,000 from the county; \$2,500 donated by Aubrey R. Marrs and \$5,000 from the Chapin Foundation.

Anderson

In a bill introduced by the Anderson County Legislative Delegation \$5,000 is appropriated for the Anderson County Library Board to plan for a new library building.

CITATION FOR GREENWOOD LIBRARY

"Who's Who in America" has awarded one of its Citations for Library Philanthropy in recognition of gifts to the Greenwood City and County Library under the will of the late Mrs. George W. Rush.

Mrs. Rush served at the library's first children's librarian, 1928-1940, and left a fund in her will for educational or charitable purposes to be decided by her attorney, Douglas Featherstone. Mr. Featherstone chose library landscaping in the form of a wall, a walkway and an azalea garden as a memorial to Mrs. Rush.

Mrs. L. K. Hartzog, Mrs. Rush's niece, received the citation and returned it to the library for display.

This is the second citation for a gift to the library. The 1960-61 edition of "Who's Who in America" cited the Index Journal for the gift of a micro-film reader and film of the newspaper files in memory of H. L. Watson, longtime editor of the newspaper.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

The Greenville Junior Woman's Club has contributed \$100 to the Greenville County Library.

The New Era Book Club presented a check for \$200 to the Lancaster County Library. The funds will be used to purchase a projector and filmstrips.

The Friends of the Clemson Community Library (Pickens County Library branch) elected Mrs. J. V. Reel president at the annual meeting.

The spring art exhibit of the Sumter Artists Guild was held at the Sumter County Library.

Mrs. J. L. Parker was Union County Chairman for National Library Week.

Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Florence County Librarian, is listed in the 1967-68 edition of Who's Who in American Education.

The Welmila Club presented a \$73 check, proceeds of a recent bridge-dessert and fashion review, to the Hampton County Library (A-H-J Regional Library).

Mrs. Grace LaGrone's retirement this spring as librarian of the Johnston Branch of the ABBE Regional Library has been announced. Mrs. Fletcher Derrick will assume the duties as Johnston Librarian on Mrs. LaGrone's retirement.

Library service to children was emphasized during National Library Week by the Greenville County Library. A Parents and Children's Program April 21 in the library auditorium featured a book exhibit and the film, The Lively Art of Picture Books. Classes visited the library and Margaret Mahon, Director, Children's Services visited schools to speak on Children's Library Services.

Florence County Library observed National Library Week with special exhibits and posters. Forgiveness week, with all overdue fines waived was in effect throughout the system.

Mrs. A. D. Hood of Rock Hill joined the staff of the York County Library in March. Mrs. Hood served as secretary to Miss Mary Frayser until Miss Frayser's recent death.

The Asbury Coward Literary Club has added two books to the Caroliniana Collection of the York Library. (Branch of York County Library). They are Logan's History of Upper South Carolina and the Asbury Coward letters. Local book and literary clubs in York are working with Mrs. Helen L. Ervin, Librarian, and helping to sponsor a story hour each Saturday morning at the library. The first story hour was held April 20 with Norma Lightsey, county librarian, as story teller.

Norma Lightsey, York County Librarian, spoke on the services of the library at a recent meeting of the Clover Optimist Club. Programs during the year have featured heads of county departments.

The members of the Florence County Council were guests of the Florence County Library Board at a supper meeting on Friday, April 26. During the meeting, reports were presented on the library's progress and achievements and on its needs for the coming year.

Dr. Robert Alexander has resigned from the Greenwood City and County Public Library Board and from the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library Board. No successor has been named as yet. Mrs. David Keisler has been named to the board of the Greenwood City and County Library to succeed Mrs. DuBose Stuckey who is now a member of the library staff.

The Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library has just completed a self-study survey covering the library board, budget, building, staff, books and materials, and library services. The basis for the survey was the series of questionnaires in "The Library in a Small Community" number 14 in the Small Libraries Project series of pamphlets on Library Administration.

The Greenwood Kiwanis Club has presented several sections of shelving for use in the children's room of the headquarters library.

Ellen Chaplin, Orangeburg, has returned to her office after an extended illness. Miss Chaplin is superintendent of the Orangeburg County Schools and Chairman of the Board of the Orangeburg County Library.

Josephine Crouch, Director, ABBE Regional Library, was elected secretary of the South Carolina Council for the Common Good at the annual meeting of the Council, April 20.

Sarah Taylor, Assistant Librarian, Sumter County Library, is conducting special weekly programs for adults and children. A film showing every Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00 is proving popular. Miss Taylor has also scheduled a weekly story hour for pre-schoolers.

DOROTHY BAKER THOMAS

Dorothy Baker (Mrs. Wendell) Thomas, Director of the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library (North Carolina) died April 10, 1968. South Carolina librarians will remember Mrs. Thomas for her address, "Books and Shoes Have to Fit" at the SCLA annual meeting in 1949.

AUTOMATE? FIRST LET'S COMMUNICATE

The above is the caption of a news item in the Montana State Library's April Newsletter. A telephone in every library was one of Montana's goals for National Library Week. How about South Carolina's branch libraries? Install telephones so they may participate in the advantages of interlibrary cooperation.

L.S. FELLOWSHIPS AT CHAPEL HILL

The School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been authorized to award eight Fellowships under the provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Title II-B. These Fellowships will be granted to full-time students who qualify for admission to the Master of Science in Library Science program and who exhibit outstanding potential for careers in library or information service. Each Fellow will receive \$2,650 and exemption from tuition charges for the academic year and that part of the summer session necessary for the completion of the degree program. In addition, an allowance of \$720 per dependent will be provided. Fellows whose residence is located 100 miles or more from the University will also receive a travel allotment.

Application forms and additional data may be secured from: Miss Jean Freeman, Assistant to the Dean, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

Deadline for submission of application: May 27, 1968.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by
Anne Library

Dear Anne:

My girl friend and I are writing for advice. We are working as salesladies and in an effort to increase our general information and prepare for better positions, we have secured several reading lists recommending books to accomplish our aims. We were all set to pursue our self education at the library, but library doors are closed against us. This is the situation: the library opens at 9:00, closes from 1:00 to 2:00 for lunch and then shuts down lock stock and barrel at 5:00. Our schedule is 8:30 to 1:00 when we have a lunch hour until 2:00 and closing time is 5:30. The library also closes on Saturday afternoon but that doesn't affect us because we work then, too. There are no evening hours, no Sunday hours at the library and it closes for every holiday. Easter weekend it was closed Friday, Saturday, and Monday!

We have borrowed books from friends and bought some but this is only a drop in the bucket and we feel absolutely stymied.

Why can't the public library be open when the working public has time to use it? for the leisure class and school children? We need the library more than anyone else. Please help us.

Troubled Twosome

Dear Troubled ones:

I certainly do agree and sympathize with you. Such peculiar hours are not wide spread.

I suggest that you write a letter since that seems to be your only means of communication with the library to the librarian explaining your problem and requesting a revision of

the schedule. If that doesn't bring results you will have to present your problem to the secretary of the library board and ask that it be considered at the next meeting of the board.

Good luck!

GUIDE TO FLOOR COVERINGS

Floors: Selection and Maintenance, by Bernard Berkeley, is a recent publication which gives practical information about almost every type of floor and floor covering that might reasonably be installed in a library building. Five chapters are devoted to detailed descriptions of the properties of the major categories of floors and floor coverings. Installation and maintenance techniques for each type of floor are explained.

This Library Technology Project publication may be ordered from the Publishing Department, ALA, 50 East Huron, Chicago, Illinois 60611 at \$12.50 or borrowed on special interlibrary loan from the State Library Board.

CAROLINIANA

Johnson, Guy B. Folk Culture on St. Helena Island, South Carolina. Folklore Association, 12 Meetinghouse Road, Hatboro, Pennsylvania 19040 \$6.00
(Reprint of a long out-of-print volume, 1930 publication)

Coward, Asbury. Memoirs of Colonel Asbury Coward, ed. by Natalie Jenkins Bond.
Vantage Press \$3.95 net.

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